

Course Outcomes Guide

Directions: Please complete this form to document your progress toward improving student learning. For each item, indicate your progress and your anticipated next steps. Thank you!

Course/Program Title: ACC-105 Income Tax Accounting

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Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. Understanding the basics of individual federal income taxes
2. Understanding of Form 1040 and accompanying schedules – (Recommend we move towards not just understanding but preparing 1040s and schedules)

Assessment (How do or will students demonstrate achievement of each outcome?)

1. Institute the Registered Tax Return Preparer (RTRP) competency test the final exam for the course – will be some logistical issues to work out – see below
2. Introduce hands-on experiential learning through Volunteer in Tax Assistance site in Spring semesters – Course will need to be offered in the Spring semester
3. Continue to infuse MyAccountingLab (MAL) into the course

Validation (What methods have you used or will you use to validate your assessment?)

1. Pass/Fail rates on Registered Tax Return Preparer (RTRP) – IRS required exam is the industry standard for preparing tax returns
2. Review of prepared tax returns through VITA Program or simulation exercise by practitioners
3. Review MAL data where applicable - It is assumed that the publisher validates these questions and tests them for reliability

Results (What do your assessment data show? If you have not yet assessed student achievement of your learning outcomes, when is assessment planned?)

- TBA

Follow-up (How have you used or how will you use the data to improve student learning?)

- TBA

Budget Justification (What resources are necessary to improve student learning?)

1. Participate in Volunteer in Tax Assistance (VITA) Program as course service learning project to enhance students proficiency in preparing simple individual tax returns – there may be some costs and logistics to become a VITA site – Offer course in Spring semester
2. Hire tax practitioner (adjunct) to lead the effort for RTRP exam and VITA